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ABE et al.

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For: HIGH-FREQUENCY WAVEGUIDE
AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE
WAVEGUIDE

DECLARATION OF CO-INVENTOR

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Dear Sir:

I, Yoshihiro Kokubo, am a co-inventor of the U.S. patent application identified above. I am also a co-author with Tadashi Kawai and Isao Ohta of an article entitled "Photonic crystal waveguides at millimeter and submillimeter wave" published May 22, 2001 with a nominal publication date of May 29, 2001, in an IEICE Technical Report.

My publication in May of 2001 relates to the same subject matter as the present patent application. While I worked together with Mr. Kawai and Mr. Ohta in developing this general technological subject matter, Mr. Kawai and Mr. Ohta did not make a contribution to the subject matter that is claimed in the patent application identified above. For that reason, my co-authors, Mr. Kawai and Mr. Ohta, were not co-inventors of my patent application and are not named as co-inventors.

The invention claimed in the U.S. patent application is the result of a joint effort by myself and Mr. Shinji Abe who is a named co-inventor of the U.S. patent application identified above.

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Date: August 31, 2004

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